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1. ACCOMPANYING THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BD UN DELE-
GATION (REFTEL) WILL BE A PROMINENT BANGLADESH JOURNALIST,
ENAYETULLAH KHAN. HE IS THE FOUNDER AND PUBLISHER OF THE
LEFTIST WEEKLY, HOLIDAY AND CONCURRENTLY EDITOR OF THE
BANGLADESH TIMES, ONE OF TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES IN DACCA.

2. KHAN, BORN AROUND 1935, COMES FROM A POLITICALLY PRO-
MINENT FAMILY; HIS FATHER, ABDUL JABBAR KHAN, IS A FORMER
SPEAKER OF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND ONE BROTHER,
RASHID KHAN MENON, IS A CURRENT LEADER IN BD OF THE PRO-
PEKING UNITED PEOPLES PARTY. ENAYETULLAH HIMSELF HAS BEEN
ACTIVE SINCE HIS STUDENT DAYS AT DACCA UNIVERSITY AS
AN ARDENT PRO-PEKING LEFTIST. IN THE MUJIB DAYS HE
OCCASIONALLY INCURRED THE WRATH OF THE SHEIK FOR PUBLISHING
MATERIAL CRITICAL OF HIS REGIME. ALTHOUGH KHAVN WAS JAILED
AND HIS PAPER CLOSED IN EARLY 1975, SINCE MUJIB'S
ASSASSINATION KHAN HAS REGAINED HIS POSITION AS THE
INFLUENTIAL LEFTIST JOURNALIST OF DACCA. ALTHOUGH HE IS
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ADEPT AT USING THIRD WORLD RHETORIC, KHAN IS NOT ENTIRELY

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ANTI-AMERICAN. KHAN HAS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
CURRENT BDG, HAVING REPRESENTED IT UNOFFICIALLY ON A
TRIP TO CHSFA ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO.

3. USUN MISSION SHOULD FIND HIM AN ARTICULATE AND FAIRLY
ACCOMMODATING SOURCE ON THE BDG STRATEGY AT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.
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